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PML-N, PPP leaders deny claims Bugti will be removed

• Khosa tells media central leaderships of both parties haven't even considered such a move • Umrani says Balochistan CM enjoys complete support of his party

By Saleem Shahid

QUETTA: Parliamentary leaders of both the PML-N and the PPP have dismissed reports of a change in Balochistan's chief minister, saying Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki's claim had no basis and that CM Sarfraz Bugti continued to enjoy the full support of all coalition parties.

They said on Friday that this appeared to be a personal desire of PML-N's Domki, as the central leaderships of both the parties had not even considered this move, adding that no such proposal was under discussion.

Talking to reporters after the Balochistan Assembly session, Mir Saleem Khosa, the PML-N's parliamentary leader and provincial minister for communication and works, said the statement of his party's senator might be his personal opinion or due to some disagreements with CM Bugti. He noted that Balochistan faced serious law and order as well as governance issues, and these matters had been reviewed during the in-camera briefing held in the assembly.

Mr Khosa said after Mr Domki's statement, he spoke with National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, and the PML-N central leadership would certainly question the senator about issuing such remarks without the permission of the party leadership.

"Personal disagreements may occur, but statements against party policy are inappropriate," Mr Khosa added.

He said the PML-N had nothing to do with the PPP's internal matters, noting that every party had its own issues and that disagreements could arise even within families.

"Differences between MPAs and the chief minister are normal, and that their own party [PPP] members also raise concerns, which are addressed through dialogue."

The PML-N parliamentary leader said Mr Bugti was working efficiently and tirelessly, and that the coalition government stood firmly behind him

"The PML-N will continue supporting Chief Minister Bugti under all circumstances. Balochistan faces serious challenges, including external threats, but the situation is gradually improving," Mr Khosa remarked.

'PPP leadership backs Bugti'

PPP parliamentary leader Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani also refuted Senator Domki's claim, saying that CM Bugti enjoyed his party leadership's complete confidence and would continue to serve as the chief executive of the province.

"No individual, who is not a member of the PPP, has the authority to issue policy statements about the party," Mr Umrani said. He said the PPP had already decided that Mr Bugti was their chief minister and would remain so.

Mr Umrani said he could not comment on future political developments, but added that the party leadership had directed him to reject the rumours about a change of chief minister, which he had done.

He said the decision on the remaining two and a half years of the power-sharing arrangement rests with the party leadership. "The PPP believes the next two and a half years will also belong to them," he said.

To a question, he said he had remained a part of the PPP for 53 years. "People come and go, but they remain steadfast with the party," he added.

Experts warn against political engineering in Balochistan

QUETTA: Experts at an event said on Friday that social and political engineering would increase radicalisation in troubled Balochistan, noting that this wrong approach will create more polarisation in society.

They expressed these views at a discussion, "Building Bridges: A Stakeholder Consultation on Tolerance and Inclusivity", organised by the Islamabad-based Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS), at the Quetta Press Club.

Lawmakers, lawyers, academics, religious scholars, human rights and political activists, and civil society representation took part in the dialogue.

The discussion brought together key stakeholders to explore strategies on bridging divides, addressing misconceptions, and fostering social harmony, tolerance and inclusivity in Balochistan and across the country.

Balochistan National Party-Mengal (BNP-M) leader and former senator Sanaullah Baloch said that social and political engineering in Balochistan had brought behavioural changes in society.

"This is a wrong approach that cannot bring tolerance and inclusivity in the province," he said, adding that this engineering has created more actors which would increase extremism and radicalisation.

Leader of the Opposition in the Balochistan Assembly Younas Aziz Zehri said that people were entitled to demand their rights, and such actions should not be misconstrued as terrorism. Maulana Hidayatur Rehman Baloch, MPA and chief of 'Haq Do Tehreek', a rights movement, stressed the need for coming out of the mindset of 'Islamic and un-Islamic', and said the people should look into reasons for extremism and intolerance in the broader context. —Saleem Shahid

KP governor meets PM amid 'removal' reports

By Syed Irfan Raza

ISLAMABAD: Amid media reports regarding his potential removal from office, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi met Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday to discuss matters concerning the province, including the imposition of governor's rule, the PM Office said in a statement.

A source in the PM Office said the prime minister expressed full confidence in Mr Kundi and gave signals that the government has no intention of removing him.

The discussion covered key administrative issues concerning KP and the country's overall political situation. Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs Engineer Amir Muqam and Federal Minister for Public Affairs Unit Rana Mubashir Iqbal also attended.

A few days ago, the governor denied reports about his removal but said he would "accept whatever the decision will be by the leadership of Pakistan Peoples Party".

The issue of imposing governor's rule was also discussed, reportedly due to a rigid stance by KP's newly elected Chief Minister Sohail Afridi towards the Centre, armed forces and bureaucracy.

Governor Kundi also requested the prime minister provide KP's due share in the forthcoming National Finance Commission award.

Earlier, the prime minister directed relevant ministries to accelerate the integration of private-sector proposals into a unified industrial policy.

"The government seeks to translate expert recommendations into actionable reforms without delay," he said while presiding over a meeting of a private-sector committee on industrial development.

PM Shehbaz welcomed proposals from the business community aimed at increasing investment.

"The business community has diligently prepared comprehensive proposals for industrial development, which are commendable," he said, adding that an implementation plan would be formulated after a careful review.

He instructed that the proposals should be merged with recommendations from other economic sectors.

Federal ministers Ahsan Iqbal, Jam Kamal Khan, Ahad Khan Cheema, Ali Pervaiz Malik, Advisor to the PM Muhammad Ali, Minister of State Bilal Azhar Kayani, Special Assistant Haroon Akhtar, and industrialists included in the Industrial Working Group led by Saqib Shirazi attended the meeting.

PRIME Minister Shehbaz Sharif exchanges views with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi.—PPI

Another PIA staffer goes missing in Canada

By Our Staff Reporter

RAWALPINDI: Another cabin crew member of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has reportedly gone missing while on duty after landing in Canada, marking the third such case reported to the airline this year.

The missing crew member, identified as Asif Najam, was scheduled to board PIA flight PK-798 from Toronto to Lahore on Nov 19, 2025.

However, he did not turn up to report to the flight.

Najam, a senior flight attendant, had operated flight PK-789 from Lahore to Toronto on Nov 16, 2025.

He went missing after arriving in Canada.

A spokesman for PIA said in a statement that Najam failed to report for duty on the return flight. When contacted by management, the flight attendant gave the excuse of "ill health".

"Departmental action will be initiated against the flight steward in case of illegal disappearance and the matter is being investigated," the spokesman added.

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